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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 899–902, and S. Res. 114. Page S4755

Measures Passed:

Statutory Time-Periods Technical Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 1626, to make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S4735–41

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S4740

Chair sustained a point of order under Rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Reid Amendment No. 984, to increase funding for certain HUD programs to assist individuals to better withstand the current mortgage crisis.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 996 (to Amendment No. 984), to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the Untied States.

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Vitter Amendment No. 991, to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1000, to authorize monies for the Special Inspector General for the

Troubled Asset Relief Program to audit and investigate recipients of non-recourse Federal loans under the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility.

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Coburn Amendment No. 982, to authorize the use of TARP funds to cover the costs of the bill.

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Thune Amendment No. 1002, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under the Troubled Assets Relief Program for debt reduction.

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DeMint Amendment No. 994, to prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock.

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Coburn Amendment No. 983, to require the Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency to investigate and report on the activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that may have contributed to the current mortgage crisis.

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Kohl Amendment No. 990, to protect older Americans from misleading and fraudulent marketing practices, with the goal of increasing retirement security.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1004, to impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1003 (to Amendment No. 1000), to impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs.

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Hatch Amendment No. 1007, to prohibit the Department of Labor from expending Federal funds to withdraw a rule pertaining to the filing by labor organizations of an annual financial report required by the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

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Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, Senate return to Legislative Session to resume consideration of S. 386, Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act, and that upon passage of the bill, Senate